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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Ser. No.: 10/699,902	Filed: November 3, 2003	Examiner James R. Brittain
Art Unit: 3677	Title: LOCKING RING	

To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an *Amendment* in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	No. of Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Rate
Total Claims	23	Minus	63	0	X \$50	\$00.00
Indep. Claims	5	Minus	9	0	X \$200	\$0.00
TOTAL					=	\$00.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No additional fee is believed due however, if this is not the case, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Payment for the filing of this Amendment and any appropriate extension of time fees are authorized to be charged to a Credit Card. The appropriate form PTO-2038 is enclosed for this purpose. If the Credit Card is unable to be charged, please charge any and all fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant(s) hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.					

Respectfully submitted,

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IN RE APPLICATION OF : Frank Eidam
FOR : **LOCKING RING**
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EXAMINER : James R Brittain
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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant timely filed a Request for Continued Examination on January 22, 2007. Applicant filed a preliminary amendment with the RCE.

The Examiner, in the Office Action mailed April 19, 2007, acknowledged that the RCE and fee were timely filed, but indicated that the RCE was not fully responsive since Applicant did not indicate whether new claim 70 was readable on the elected species.

Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are readable on the elected species, including new claim 70. Since it is not clear to Applicant whether the amendments to the claims were entered when the RCE was originally filed, Applicant has resubmitted the claim amendments

and also resubmitted the arguments regarding the patentability of the pending claims.